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1. LIN Ch'ing (林青), a native of Huangkang (114-54, 30-37) is deputy commander of an artillery battalion of the Chinese Communist 175 Division, also designated the 5 Division of the North Korean Army. LIN, who was in Hankow on 10 September 1950 for medical treatment, told friends that he was wounded in the leg during UN bombings of Seoul and was allowed to return home as disabled.
2. In March 1950 LIN Piao's special army corps*, totaling 35,000 troops, arrived at Pyongyang and was immediately reorganized into two infantry divisions, three artillery regiments and two armored brigades, and placed in the North Korean Army. The reorganization was done by senior Soviet military advisers. Most high-ranking officers of the corps are Soviet-trained or selected graduates of the Chiamussu Military Academy. The troops were re-equipped by the Soviets in North Korea. Several Soviet advisers and Chinese Communist liaison officers were assigned to each unit for planning and supervision of unit activity.**

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25X1A * [redacted] Comment. [redacted] from a different source, concerning the "Special Army Group."

25X1A ** [redacted] Comment. As far as is known, troops going to Korea in the spring of 1950 were only Koreans returning from the Chinese Communist Army. There has been no conclusive evidence that there are Chinese Communist troops in North Korea.

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